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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An monoclonal antibody which specifically reacts with a partial peptide at the N-terminal region of a polypeptide or a salt thereof, wherein the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4; and does not recognize the partial peptide at the C-terminal region of a polypeptide or a salt thereof, wherein the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4; and having a neutralizing activity for a peptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

2. (Original) The antibody according to claim 1, which specifically reacts with a peptide comprising the 1st-13th amino acid sequence in the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

3. (Currently Amended) The antibody according to claim 1, which specifically reacts with a peptide comprising ~~at least one selected from the 1st-3rd~~ amino acid sequences in the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The antibody according to claim 1, which is labeled.

7. (Canceled)

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8. (Original) The antibody according to claim 7, which is represented by AhW23N2G6D1a producible from a hybridoma represented by AhW23N2G6D1 (FERM BP-8363).

9. (Original) An antibody specifically reacting with a binding site of the antibody according to claim 8 to a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

10. (Original) The antibody according to claim 9, which has a neutralizing activity for a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

11. (Original) The antibody according to claim 7, which is represented by AhW23N3H3E4a producible from a hybridoma represented by AhW23N3H3E4 (FERM BP-8364).

12. (Original) An antibody specifically reacting with a binding site of the antibody according to claim 11 to a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

13. (Original) The antibody according to claim 12, which has a neutralizing activity for a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

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14-39. (Canceled)

40. (Original) A pharmaceutical comprising the antibody according to claim 1.

41. (Original) The pharmaceutical according to claim 40, which is an agent for preventing/treating sterility, renal dropsy, peptic ulcer or hyperchlorhydria.

42. (Original) A diagnostic agent comprising the antibody according to claim 1.